

OSWESTRY
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

for the Year

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Annual Report of M.O.H.

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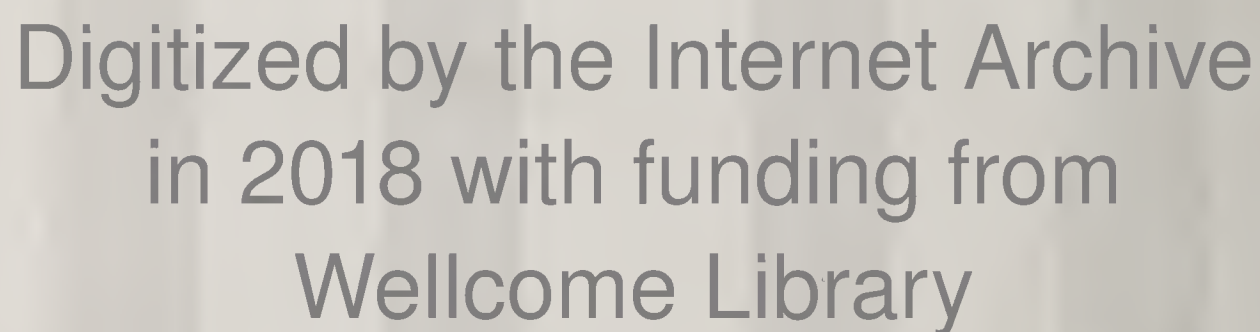
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Extracts from VITAL STATISTICS for the YEAR 1939

Population :

Census 1931	16,603
Registrar General's Estimate to middle 1938				15,460
"	"	"	"	15,880

<u>Live Births :</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>1938</u>
Legitimate	...	118	107	225	
Illegitimate	...	7	5	12	
		<u>125</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>237</u>	230

<u>Birth Rate :</u>		<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Rural District	...	12.1	15.5
England and Wales	...	14.9	15.0

<u>Deaths :</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1938</u>
Rural District	...	119	103	222	216

<u>Death Rate :</u>		<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Rural District Uncorrected		13.9	13.9
" " Corrected		12.5	12.5
England and Wales		11.6	12.1

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	5	4	9
Illegitimate	...	2	0	2
		<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11.</u>

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births :

		<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Rural District	...	52	46
England and Wales	...	53	50

<u>Still Births :</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Rural District Legitimate		4	5	9.
<u>Deaths from Cancer :</u>		<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>31.</u>

Deaths from Measles : - 1

Deaths from Whooping Cough : - -

Deaths from Diarrhoea : - -
(under 2 years of age)

Number of Women dying in or in consequence of childbirth : 0

Extracts from VITAL STATISTICS (continued).

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES :

			<u>Deaths</u>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	...	1
Diphtheria	21	...	1 M
Scarlet Fever	45	...	-
Anterior Poliomyelitis	3	...	-
Pneumonia	20	...	9
Erysipelas	5	...	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	...	-

Notification Rate :

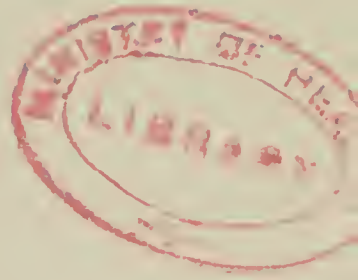
Puerperal Pyrexia - per 1,000 Total Births.
(Live and Still)

Rural District	...	20.32
England and Wales	...	14.35

T u b e r c u l o s i s

<u>Notification :</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Respiratory	...	4	4	8
Non-Respiratory	...	3	4	7
<u>Deaths :</u>				
Respiratory	...	2	3	5
Non-Respiratory	...	-	4	4

To The Chairman and Members of
The Oswestry Rural District Council.



Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

In accordance
with the Ministry of Health's Circular
2067 this Report is an interim one, and
is confined to essential and urgent
matters which have affected the public
health during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

L. WILSON EVANS.

There were few urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year. The evacuation of children and mothers in September into a number of Districts, created, in common with other places, problems arising from the uncleanliness of many of the children, and also in some cases difficulties arose owing to their habits and behaviour being outside the experience of those upon whom they were billeted. These cases were dealt with by the School Nurse and Health Visitors who visited the homes and advised the foster-parents on the treatment, others were dealt with at the School Clinic. There has been no evidence of any increase of infectious disease resulting from the evacuation nor any other adverse effect on the public health; but the benefit to the health and well-being of the children who had been evacuated was soon apparent.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

There was a fairly widespread outbreak of Measles during the early months of the year commencing in January and subsiding in May. About half the schools were affected. There were a number of cases of Whooping Cough in Porthywaen and Nantmawr in June.

A slight outbreak of Scarlet Fever occurred in West Felton in March and April. The source of a number of cases of Scarlet Fever in Ifton Heath in September and October was traced to a return case from the Isolation Hospital.

By a provisional Order of the Ministry of Health dated October 23rd. Measles and Whooping Cough were made notifiable diseases.

In December a scheme of Diphtheria Immunisation was submitted to the Sanitary Committee and subsequently approved by the Council. Two injections of Alum Precipitated Toxoid at monthly intervals are to be given by the doctors practising in the district. Leaflets explaining the scheme have been distributed to parents through the schools, welfare centres and health visitors.

